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NAPOLEON'S SPEECH TO THE FRENCH CHAMBERS.

FRANCE, the land of revolutions, has enjoyed a new sensation in the remarkable speech delivered by the Emperor yesterday. The worst foes of Napoleon must at least concede that he is not a despot of the common order. While ruling with imperious sway, he constantly attempts to impose on the people the fiction that his guiding principle of action is a regard for their welfare, and that instead of being himself an enemy of freedom, he is the only true conservator and promoter of liberty. In view of his antecedents, he displays the very sublimity of audacity when he says:-"France wants liberty with order, and order I answer for. Help me, Messieurs, to secure liberty." He calmly ignores the cruel and treacherous nature of the scheme by which he gained imperial power, and complacently assumes that by its success he became so absolutely master of the situation that all the rights of the nation centred [in himself, and that his own reluctant and enforced consent to an enlargement of popular and representative rights is an act of grace for which the whole body of Frenchmen should be grateful. Absurd as such pretensions would appear in any other country, they are partly explained by the fact that the fear of new tumults is so active among a large body of peace-loving citizens, that his declaration that he would answer for the preservation of order was greeted with protracted and enthusiastic applause. "Order" at any price seems to be the maxim of the busirsas portion of the Parisians. Nepoleon has satisfied them of his ability to maintain this, and as all other considerations are deemed of inferior or secondary importance, he is suffered to affix such limits as he deems proper upon the undying aspirations for liberty of the progressive spirits of the nation. And yet he seems fully conscious of the importance of conciliating the French Republicans. Pretending that no concessions can be justly demanded, he yet makes many, and studies to create the impression that he wishes to make all that are consistent with the maintenance of internal peace. His promised reforms extend not only to an improved parliamentary organization which will secure "a more direct participation of the nation in its own affairs," but to an extension of municipal freedom and of the number of officials elected by universal suffrage. Claiming the right to withhold everything, and positively assuring the timid trading classes that he will withhold enough to make a vigorous rebellion impossible, he still concedes varied and valuable additions to the political powers of the people, and establishes his claim to be, for the moment, at least, the most liberal of despots, the most democratic of autocrats, and the most republican of imperialists. His real intention is to maintain all the powers he deems essential to the perpetuation of his dynasty at all hazards, but he has been forced to the conclusion that it was his true policy to make a surrender of all the governmental control which he could no longer safely withhold from its true owners, and he has transferred back to the people the rights of which he had previously robbed them in the most

#### BEDFORD STREET.

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pretentious and imposing manner he could

YESTERDAY Judge Peirce, in his charge to the Grand Jury, called their attention to the condition of Bedford street and the adjoining district, and recommended them to inquire into the nuisances that are maintained there, and to adopt some active measures for their abatement. Bedford street has been a standing subject with the newspapers for years, and its horrors have been dilated upon time and again, with but little effect, however, except to induce the charituble to contribute towards the support of the missionary who is engaged in the arduous task of endeavoring to Christianize the heathen who reside there, and to rescue some of the children from the vile dens where they are growing up to be vagabonds, paupers, thieves, and future pests to the community. No effort whatever has been made heretofore on the part of the authorities to abate the Bedford street nuisances, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the Grand Jury will accept the Judge's instructions in a proper spirit, and do their duty unflinchingly.

It is an outrage on Christianity and civilization that such a reeking mass of corruption as Bedford street, with its filthy tenements and vile population, should be permitted to exist in a city like this without some earnest attempt at its reformation. It cannot be said that the iniquities of this section of the city are not known, for the Bedford street district is within a few steps of some of our most fashionable thoroughfares, and the newspapers have called the attention of the public to this plague spot repeatedly, and have urged upon the responsible authorities the necessity for taking some action with regard to it. Judge Peirce lately made a visit to the neighborhood himself and saw with his own eyes what there was to be seen. The result of this visit was the charge made yesterday to the Grand Jury, and it now remains with that body to make a prompt and decisive move in the way of reform.

THE region of the lower Mississippi is said to be the scene of increasing ill feeling between the whites and blacks. Several riots of recent occurrence are reported, but in the only one concerning which any details are furnished thirteen negroes were killed. As the death of any whites is not mentioned, it is more than probable that the whole affair was a simple slaughter of unoffending blacks. Theonly sure way for putting an end to this disgraceful state of affairs is for Mississippi to elect to-day and to-morrow the straight radical ticket.

THE TEMPERANCE PEOPLE of New York State propose to hold a convention at Syracuse on the 22d of December, for the purpose of organizing for political purposes. If they will but take the trouble to glance at the election returns of this city and the States in which Temperance tickets were recently in the field, they will save themselves a great deal of tribulation and avert a serious blow from the true temperance cause.

THE WASHINGTON National Intelligencer has passed into the hands of Alexander Delmar, the famous perverter of statistics in the interest of Frank Blair's abortive revolution. "To what base uses we may return!"

WHAT SHALL WE PAY FOR COAL! WITH a perfect knowledge that coal has, within the last ten days, declined about one dollar per ton in New York, we desire to ask the question, whether we shall pay a higher price than we are now paying, or do without coal altogether?

We are led to ask this question by the information we have from the coal regions, and the recent threatening letter of one John Siney, who acts for the Coal Miners' Union of Schuvlkill county.

To those who are familiar with the coal interests of this State, what we are about to say will have no especial interest, for they are already conversant with most of the facts, but there are hundreds of thousands of people who are consumers of the "black diamonds" who are in comparative ignorance of the ways and means by which they are made to suffer. To these people we desire to say that as an individual Mr. John Siney is of very little consequence, but when we know him to be the head of an important and numerous association of coal miners, with powers absolute, we come to look upon him in a different light, and therefore attach considerable importance to what Mr. Siney may say in regard to the mining of coal and the action of the miners. But first let us state the powers of this man in his representative capacity. We have said that his will was absolute. So it is. If he thinks the men of a certain mire are not getting as much pay as they should, he not only stops the work at THAT mire, out proceeds throughout the coal region and stops all, until the difficulties in the "troublesome" mine are adjusted to his satisfaction. This is bad enough, but he didn't end here, but once almonth, generally on the 25th, Mr. Siney visits the coal market in this or other cities, has a pow-wow with the coal dealers, returns home, and fixes the prices to be paid to the miners for the coming month; and, if the operators don't like Mr. Siney's schedule, why they must cease operations until such times as Mr. Siney chooses to let them go on. Nor does he stop here. No, but he indulges in another tittle pleasantry-one which the public is most deeply interested in-and that is of "bulling" the market, by telling the operators that unless they hold their coal at a certain price, that he (the miners) will quit producing coal altogether, and thus run up prices by creating a dearth of the article. But these results cannot always be accomplished in a moment, and of this fact the "Head Centre" is evidently aware, for as early as the 22d inst. he writes

to the Pottsville Journal the following "feeler:"-"As I on all occasions went to Philadelphia to ascertain the price of coal during the month, so as to be able to average the wages with the operators on the 25th as usual. But it appears that that mode of fixing wages does not suit the operators, for they shut up all source of information from me, and I had to come home as I went; for all the coal dealers below that I had implicit confidence in refused to give me the least information, on the ground that in your paper the private figures I received one month since happened to be published without my knowledge or consent. I cannot blame the dealers below, but take this opportunity to thank them for the obliging and respectful manner in which they have always treated me. It is only proper that the responsibility should rest with the operators; they were the cause of having said figures published, and let them hold their peace forever about dissatisfied miners. The operators agreed to pay the miners a certain percentage, and after a short time they endeavor to close up all means of access by which that percentage can be got at. Now what is to be done next? A strike is unavoidable under the present state of affairs, and I know not how to avert it. If the operators are determined to force it, let it come. "As I on all occasions went to Philadelphia to asrators are determined to force it, let it come.
"Very respectfully,

Now this is certainly a very polite and handsome note from Mr. Siney, and to those who do not understand the practical workings of the "machine," looks as though the miners were being very badly treated by those who should be above any such action. We happen to know that the case is somewhat exaggerated by Mr. S., but the following note, which appears in the same paper, from a gentleman whom we understand to be perfectly reliable, throws quite a different aspect upon the subject:-

"The communication of Mr. John Siney in this morning's Daily looks as if he meant to precipitate a strike on the 1st inst. To my certain knowledge Mr. Siney was on Walnut street on Saturday, (20th), four days ahead of time, and without our committee man, according to agreement, engineering prices, and he obtained letters from three prominent houses that I know of, and perhaps more. If the figures so obtained don't meet his ideas of what they should be, let him say so honestly and not try to shift the issue. let him say so honestly and not try to shift the issue If he means 'strike,' on account of the low average he got, let him say so. The operators are willing to abide by all their agreements to the letter. No more, no less. I don't like anonymous communications. and if Mr. Siney wants my name he can have it by

The fact that coal is on the decline is, perhaps, better known to Siney than to most people, and from the above we feel as though the "Head Centre was inclined to prevaricate slightly. In fact, we know that at the bottom of all lies the fact that, unless the miners do strike, coal must come down to something like a reasonable price. We are among those who like to see men paid a fair price for their labor, and, if necessary, in protecting themselves in their efforts, but when men seek to make a right by doing a wrong, we are opposed to it unequivocally. In other words, we look upon it that the miner after having entered into a compact which in reality robs the coal consuming public, and finding that it was successful, have become more grasping, dictatorial, and avaricious than ever, and to accomplish their ends threaten a "strike," which is but another word for lawlessness of every kind and character, from petty larceny to murder. There is no disguising this fact; the coal regions have seen it frequently before, and will see it again if something is not done to pre-vent it.

went it.

We are inclined to believe that this little amuse We are inclined to believe that this little amusement of the coal miners can be stopped, or at least curtailed a trifle, and it certainly ought to be done, and that right speedily. Perhaps a small dose of coolie labor would assist the patient. Coolies have been found to work well in the mines of California and the different Territories, and we see no good reason why they should not work equally as well in the coal mines of Schuylkill and the adjoining coal-producing counties. It is worth a trial, and the strong arm of the military might be invoked to prevent these men who Mr. Siney represents from doing the damage which they threaten, should the undertaking be tried. It would soon settle the vexing question as to what we shall pay for coal.

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